


# Consultation and Collaboration


## OUTCOME:


Strengthened partnerships.

- Improving consultation processes with Tribes
- Collaboration to improve mental health services
- Collaboration with community partners and the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA)
- Collaboration with community partners, Economic Services and Aging and Disabilities Administrations
- Adolescent focused collaboration with community and government partners
- Collaboration with partners to increase awareness of domestic violence
- Collaboration with partners in education
- Collaboration with public and private child welfare providers
- Collaboration with the Courts
- Collaboration with Catalyst for Kids (Formerly known as Families for Kids)

<div><div>25. Improving consultation processes with Tribes Action Steps</div></div>								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
25.1	Improve consultation with Tribes.	25.1.1	Review and follow existing consultation processes occurring between the Tribes and the state and establish mechanisms to implement the Centennial Accord, the Tribal-State Agreement and the 7.01 DSHS policy.	9/04 and ongoing	Task Completion	<u>External Affairs</u>	Item 39	
		25.1.2	Develop and implement a process for consultation to improve collaborative government to government relationships and results in an integrated partnership approach to solutions. a. Inform Tribes of all available funding sources ( <i>IV-B addendum</i> ) b. Integrate the Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), Strategic Plan (SP), Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and 7.01 processes. c. Develop a matrix format for tracking purposes and updating all Tribes of each of the plans and progress. d. In collaboration with Tribal representatives develop the process and the forums for consultation and negotiations to occur.	12/04	Task Completion	<u>External Affairs</u>	Item 39	
				6/05	Task Completion			
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		25.1.3	Conduct an Annual ICW Summit.	6/05 and ongoing	Task Completion	<u>Practice Improvement</u> <i>External Affairs</i>	Item 39	
		25.1.4	Notify Tribes, Indian organizations, coalitions of Tribes and Indian organizations and the Indian Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC), that they have the right to consult and negotiate directly with Regional Administrations and Children’s Administration Headquarters when issues cannot be resolved at the local office level.	10/04	Task Completion	<u>External Affairs</u>	Item 39	


		25.1.5	In the course of the development of Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), consultation with all of the Tribes and Indian organizations will occur at each programmatic stage and this consultation will be documented.	ongoing	Task Completion	<u>Management Services</u>	Item 39	
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<div></div> <div>26. Collaboration to improve mental health services</div> <div>Action Steps</div>								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
26.1	Collaborate with community and government partners to improve quality and accessibility of mental health services to children receiving services from Children’s Administration.	26.1.1	Implement newly developed agreements with Regional Support Networks (RSN) in each region.	9/04	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u> <i>Field Operations</i>	Item 23	Reform
		26.1.2	In collaboration with other DSHS Administrations and community partners, continue workgroup efforts to review current system for children’s mental health and develop plans and recommendations for improvements. e. Statewide workgroup develops report. f. DSHS cabinet reviews report and approves appropriate recommendations g. DSHS submits report to Legislature on comprehensive reform recommendations. h. Implementation of plan/recommendations.	6/04	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>		
				9/04	Task Completion			
				11/04	Task Completion			
				7/05	Task Completion			


<div>27. Collaboration with community partners and the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) Action Steps</div>								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
27.1	Improve collaboration with community partners and Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) to improve access to chemical dependency services.	27.1.1	In collaboration with DASA establish chemical dependency contracted service providers in selected CA offices and increased slots for pregnant and parenting programs. <u>Subject to 2005 Budget Request</u>	9/05	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>	Items 35, 36	Reform
		27.1.2	Complete and implement the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CA and DASA which includes ongoing monitoring of contracts for UA providers.	12/04	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>		
		27.1.3	Collaborate with the Court Improvement Plan Steering Committee regarding the development of Family Drug Courts.	9/06	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>		
		27.1.4	In collaboration with courts and UA providers, assess the feasibility for UA's to be completed at the courthouse.	12/04	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>		

28. Collaboration with community partners, Economic Services and Aging and Disabilities Administrations Action Steps								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
28.1	Improve collaboration with community partners, Economic Services and Aging and Disability Administrations to increase access to services for children and families.	28.1.1	Develop MOU with Economic Services and Aging and Disability Administrations which includes a process for identification of a contact person in every TANF office for relatives seeking assistance. <i>(Refer to Kinship Care Section, 21.1.4)</i>	8/05	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>	Item 36	
		28.1.2	Implement “No Wrong Door” multi-disciplinary staffings for youth 6-months in advance of exiting care. <i>(See Adolescent Section).</i>	1/05		<u>Field Operations</u>	Items 7 & 10	


29. Collaboration with community and government partners on adolescent services Action Steps								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
29.1	Improve quality and accessibility of services for adolescents.	29.1.1	In collaboration with other DSHS Administrations and community partners develop an integrated re-designed service model for adolescents. <u><i>Subject to 2005 budget request.</i></u>	9/06	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>		Reform


<div></div> <div>30. Collaboration with partners to increase awareness and improve response to domestic violence</div> <div>Action Steps</div>								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
30.1	Increase awareness and improve response to domestic violence.	30.1.1	In collaboration with partners, complete development of the statewide interagency domestic violence protocol.	9/04	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>		Reform
		30.1.2	In collaboration with partners, complete regional protocols, based on the statewide interagency domestic violence protocol template. c. Report quarterly on progress. d. Complete regional protocols.	12/04-3/05 3/05	Progress Report Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u> <i>Field Operations (b)</i>		Reform
		30.1.3	In collaboration with partners, regions conduct cross-training to support the implementation of the domestic violence protocol ( <i>with DASA, MH, ESA, DV advocates and service providers</i> ).	1/05-6/05	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u> <i>Field Operations</i>		Reform

<div><div>31. Collaboration with partners in education</div><div>Action Steps</div></div>								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
31.1	Collaborate with partners to improve educational outcomes for children receiving services from Children's Administration.	31.1.1	In collaboration with OSPI, continue implementation plan for 2003 Legislation (HB 1058) recommendations regarding educational needs of children to include the development of MOU regarding collaboration between CA, OSPI, and Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). <i>(Refer to Education, Section 15)</i>		Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>	Item 21	
		31.1.2	Increase overall knowledge of educational resources and clarity of roles for youth, parents, relative caregivers, foster parents, school staff, social workers and courts. a. Develop and distribute educational brochures and/or information packets in collaboration with the education sector <i>(Packets to include basic statewide information including: mandatory reporting information, and program descriptions for CA and schools)</i> b. Distribute information packets to youth, parents, relative caregivers, foster parents, school staff, social workers, and court	12/04	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>	Item 21	
				12/04 and ongoing	Task Completion			
		31.1.3	Work with Washington Education Foundation to obtain funding and implement the Foster Care to College Partnership plan, which includes establishing six regional educational outreach positions, who will serve as liaisons to assist children (16-18 year olds) in out-of-home care in meeting higher education goals. <i>(Refer to Education, Section 15).</i>	4/05		<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>		Reform

<div>32. Collaboration with public and private child welfare providers Action Steps</div>									
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item		
32.1	Increase collaboration with public and private child welfare providers.	32.1.1	Finalize and implement plan for 2004 legislation (HB 2459-S) regarding collaboration between public and private child welfare providers.	7/04	Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>	Items 36, 40		
		32.1.2	In collaboration with community partners, assess and evaluate results from Families and Communities Together (FACT) over the course of the next three years.		Task Completion	<u>Field Operations</u>		Reform	
		32.1.3	Collaborate with public and private child welfare providers to develop and implement contracted service models, based on research practices. a. Form a committee to review the report from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy regarding research on effective child welfare interventions. b. Committee recommends best practice models to be adopted and strategies/incentives to support contracted service providers adopting the recommended practice models. c. Management team reviews and approves appropriate recommendations d. Implement recommendations e. Report on progress			<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>		Reform	
				9/04	Task Completion				
				1/05	Task Completion				
				2/05	Task Completion				
		3/05 Ongoing 3/06, 3/07	Task Completion						



<div>33. Collaboration with the Courts Action Steps</div>								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
33.1	Increase collaboration with courts and other partners to improve timeliness to permanency for children.	33.1.1	Collaborate with the Court Improvement Plan Grant Steering Committee to implement recommendations from the Dependency and Termination Equal Justice Committee (DTEJC) which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Ensuring all judges are trained in termination law prior to hearing TPR cases</li><li>b. Seek longer rotation of judges in juvenile court</li><li>c. Endorse the expansion of the parents representation program</li></ul>	TBD	Task Completion Task Completion Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>	Items 7, 28 & 36	
		33.1.2	Collaborate with CIP in the planning and implementation of specific projects and recommendations for improvements within the court system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Participate with senior judicial officials, CIP staff, and others to develop dependency system improvements.</li><li>b. Provide support and assistance to the CIP in the development of the Judicial Leadership Forum on Dependency to focus leaders in the court system on strategies to implement improvements based on the CFSR findings.</li><li>c. Support and assist the CIP in the incorporation of the CFSR findings relating to the dependency courts in the CIP reassessment process.</li></ul>	TBD	Task Completion  Task Completion  Task Completion	<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>	Item 10, 28	
		33.1.3	Collaborate with Court Improvement Plan Committee to develop a process for inquiry as to Tribe and/or Band affiliation at shelter care hearing.	TBD		<u>Program &amp; Policy</u>	Item 14	

<div></div> <div>34. Collaboration with Catalyst for Kids (<i>Formerly known as Families for Kids</i>) Action Steps</div>								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
34.1	Continue collaboration with Catalyst for Kids to increase permanency for children.	34.1.1	Support and participate in advancing priority agenda for Catalyst for Kids. The three priority areas are: early engagement, effective array of services, and strengthening permanence for adolescence.	9/04 ongoing		<u>External Affairs</u> <i>Program and Policy</i>	Items 18, 25, 35, 36, 7 & 10	